

Uninvited cellular calls, whether collection calls or otherwise, impose a direct cost to the recipient and indirectly generate a tremendous amount of income to cellular providers. These calls are an invasion of privacy no matter whether the call is a telemarketing call, a debt collection call, or an uninvited fax advertisement.

The number of people carrying cellular phones has increased dramatically in the last decade. People take cellular phones with them into places where regular telephones have never gone. This enclosed the bedroom, boardroom, operating room and automobile. The danger from unwanted calls certainly does outweigh any benefit to the caller. I can only imagine that the bulk of caller ID blocked collection calls to cellular telephones will occur in the morning hours seeking to trap people in their automobiles while on their way to work. I do not want to be in the vehicle next to the recipient of such a call.

Allowing anyone, especially third-party debt collectors to be exempt from the current cellular ID requirements is allowing the fox to guard the hen house. Proper identification of the caller should be given in all pre-recorded calls. This is especially important when the call directly costs the recipient money.

Without express permission, a debt collector should not be able to call a debtor's cellular phone. If a debt is no longer legally enforceable, then there should be no established business relationship. Similarly, a debt more than twelve (12) months old clearly evidences a termination of any existing established business relationship.